## PENNSYLVANIA ENGINEER INVENTS METAL GRIP.

Kennedy Kits mark an entirely new departure in grips and carrying bags for engineers, firemen, signalmen, machine shopmen and others in the many branches of railroad work who use grips.

Mr. Howard L. Kennedy, inventor of Kennedy kits made of metal, has been for the past fifteen years, and is now an engineer on the Western Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Out of necessity for a grip to stand the strain of railroading, and knowing from practical experience all the features necessary to an engine man's grip, he devised the idea of making bags out of steel. He is the originator and inventor of the first steel grips and has made a great improvement on the ordinary bag used by railroad men, both in construction and material.

*Howard L. Kennedy, Inventor of All-Steel Kennedy Kits.*

Kennedy Kits are ingeniously made of steel throughout and are patterned after the regulation traveling grips in both bag and suitcase shape. Although made of steel, they are unusually light in weight, being no heavier than the ordinary leather grips. Their weights range from five to ten pounds, depending on size. In appearance they closely resemble leather bags; in fact, it is difficult to distinguish them from ordinary grips, for they are finished in a leather brown baked enamel in three coats, which gives a lasting finish which will not chip or rub off. They have solid brass fittings throughout, strong Corbin notched locks with individual tumbler keys for each grip. They are protected with solid brass corner iron and fitted with brass side catches.

Mr. Kennedy has constructed a disappearing hinge which not only gives a perfectly smooth outside surface with no rivets showing, but entirely prevents any leakage and makes the grips not only waterproof, but water tight. The lids and all parts are made to overlap, which further strengthens the construction and the waterproof feature and makes Kennedy Kits dustproof, oil and weatherproof. The burglarproof feature of an all-steel grip is of utmost importance, for they cannot be cut into and can be chained if desired. Not only are Kennedy Kits an excellent protection against escaping steam, hot cinders, heated boilers and the many other conditions that so quickly destroy ordinary grips, but they have a general appearance and close resemblance to leather which makes them worthy of the possession of the most fastidious. The chief features of Kennedy Kits which appeal strongly to engineers and firemen are their waterproof, wearproof, fireproof and burglarproof features.

Another important use of Kennedy Kits is by railway signalmen, telephone and telegraph men, track supervisors, mechanics, tool foremen and machine shop men, as well as other divisions of the maintenance-of-way departments of railroads. The strength and durability of the grips gives them all the necessary features to withstand the wear and tear of the rough usage given them by the men in these various departments.

For uses of this kind, the bag shape is fitted with tray, which has proven to be very popular for carrying small parts, nuts, fuses, bolts, etc. The prices of Kennedy Kits are extremely low, not only for the initial cost but chiefly because of the fact that one grip is good for years of usage. In buying Kennedy Kits you are forever doing away with the expensive re-buying necessary with imitation leather, karatol and even genuine leather bags.

The fact that Kennedy Kits are the most durable, economical and serviceable grips for railroad men is well proven by Mr. Kennedy's statement that there are over four thousand now in active use on the road and on Mr. Kennedy's division of the Pennsylvania there are eight hundred alone.

In putting Kennedy Kits before the railroad men, Mr. Kennedy says: "I have tried to make it possible for every railroad man who carries a grip to have a Kennedy Kit and purposely have made the price as low as good construction and workmanship would permit.

Mr. Kennedy is a member of Division 12, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and a former member of A. G. Porter Lodge, Div. 141, B. of L. F. He is still actively connected with railroad work and divides a good share of his time between supervising the manufacture of his grips and actual work on his engine.



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| DD-16x9x11 | $3.75 |
| D-18x10x13 | 4.00 |
| E-20x11x13 | 4.25 |
| F-22x11x13 | 4.50 |

**Light in Weight—Looks Like Leather**

Patent pending

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| AA-20x10x6 | $3.75 |
| A-22x12x6½ | 4.00 |
| B-24x13x7 | 4.25 |
| C-26x13x7 | 4.50 |

**DESCRIPTION:** Finish — Leather brown, 3 coated baked enamel. Solid brass Corbin tumbler locks with individual keys. Brass side catches and corner irons. Steel genuine leather covered handles, overlapping lids, reinforced throughout.

# Does Your Grip Continually Soak Up, Burn Up and Go to Pieces?

**Do away with these costly experiences. Get**

**ALL-STEEL INDESTRUCTIBLE**

Trade Mark
Kennedy Kits
Made of Metal

**Waterproof Fireproof Oilproof**
**Dustproof Wearproof Burglarproof**

## A Grip Made for An Engineman By An Engineman

Invented by Howard L. Kennedy, Engineer Western Division Penn. R. R., Member Div. 12 B. of L. E. Former member A. G. Porter Lodge No. 141 B. of L. F.

## Thousands in Active Use on the Roads

**Read what the boys say:**

"It beats all how your cases are taking, now that they have become established I have had mine over a year now and it is just as good as when I got it."

"I know your bag to be a winner with engineers. Best wishes to you and your suitcases. They are the best thing going for railroad men and have given perfect satisfaction."

"The boys here seem to think that these cases are just the thing to fill a long felt want."

**SAVING FIRST IS SAFETY FIRST**

Take this ad to your dealer and he will order one for you, or write to me giving me your dealer's name and I will see that you are supplied.

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**KENNEDY MFG. CO., 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill.**


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